

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-31, 33-41 and 43-46 are currently pending in this application. These claims have been provisionally rejected.

In this response, the specification has been amended to rectify a noted minor informality consistent with the Examiner's recommendation.

Double Patent Rejection

Claims 24-31, 33-41 and 43-46 have been provisionally rejected under the obviousness-type double patenting doctrine in view of co-pending Application Numbers 09/952,362, 10/393,838 and 10/393,839. The Examiner notes that the provisional double patenting rejection can be addressed by a timely filed terminal disclaimer.

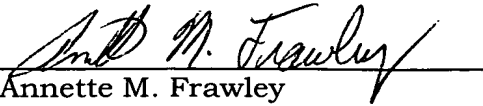
A terminal disclaimer with the appropriate fee, disclaiming subject matter of the present claims beyond the term of any patent that would issue from the aforementioned applications, is attached hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that this Terminal Disclaimer obviates the double-patenting rejection.

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested. Please contact the undersigned if it will assist in expediting prosecution of these claims.

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